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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (அ) The building was purchased along with the palace buildings and lands of the Jagirdar of Arni at S. V. Nagaram at a cost of Rs. 1,32,000 and the bungalow at Poosumalaikuppam alone was valued at Rs. 46,300 at the time of its purchase in December 1956.

(ஆ) A sum of Rs. 650 per annum is being incurred towards the pay and allowances of a Watchman for the buildings.

(இ) The building at Poosumalaikuppam is now used as a Forest Rest House for the stay of the Inspecting Officers of the Forest Department and there is no proposal at present to utilise the bungalow for any other purpose.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : அது ஒரு பெரிய கட்டிடம். அதை சர்க்கார் குறைந்த விலையில் வாங்கியிருக்கிறார்கள். அதை நல்ல முறையில் பயன்படுத்துவதற்கு வேண்டி அங்கு ஒரு "பேஸிக் டிரெயினிங் ஸ்கூலை" ஆரம்பிப்பதற்கு சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா? அது இப்பொழுது எந்த நிலையில் இருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அங்கே ஏதாவது ஒரு நிலையம் ஆரம்பிப்பதற்கு ஏற்பாடு நடந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது.

Fisheries (development of)

* 1836 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state :

Whether any survey has been undertaken to exploit (i) fishing between Tuticorin and Nagapattinam profitably, and (ii) fishing of prawns?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Yes. A survey of the coast of this State was undertaken during 1954 to 1957 and a report on the survey was published in the year 1960. Copies of the report are kept in the Legislature Library for the use of the members.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Since a large amount of fish is available have the Government formulated any scheme to exploit them profitably?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : One of the schemes is the introduction of 'mechanised boats'. We have also now introduced new types of nylon nets.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know how much amount of fish can be available?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : As a result of this survey, has it been found that we have got a large number of sharks available in the East Coast and is there any proposal to start any industry in our State for manufacture of shark liver oil as we are now depending on Kerala shark liver oil?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDAMMAL SIMON: Actually it was found that we have a large amount of sharks. Even now we are not depending on Kerala. We are supplying to the factory in Kerala, which was once with Madras Government and we are also thinking of having a factory in Madras itself.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Prawns fetch a very good price and earn foreign exchange also. Have the Government undertaken any survey regarding exploitation of prawn fish?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Prawns are available. The survey has done and now they are also being exported to other places.

Fishermen's Co-operative Society, Colachel

DEPUTY SPEAKER: As the hon. Member who gave notice of Q. No. 1837 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 1837 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the President, Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society kept the funds of the Society in his personal custody, if so, for how long; and

(*b*) whether any interest thereon has been realised from him, and the amount so realised?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) Yes, Sir. The President kept the funds of the Society in his custody from 9th September 1957 to 6th December 1958 with reference to the provisions in By-law No. 23 (*a*) of the Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society.

(*b*) No, Sir.

Asphalt Plants (Madras Corporation)

* 1838 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the Asphalt Plants owned by the Madras Corporation are financed by the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Corporation recently took on loan a hot-mix plant from the Government?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) Four Asphalt Plants were purchased by the Corporation of Madras during 1946–50 out of the loan assistance given by the Government.